coverage and demonstrations and application of rainfed technology for their increased production.

Autonomous Corporation for Hindustan Samachar and Samachar Bharati

415. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an autonomous corporation to manage the affairs of the Hindustan Samachar and Samachar Bharati; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of fertiliser plants in the cooperative sector

416. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up eleven chemical based fertilizer plants in the cooperative sector during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the names of the places where these plants are likey to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b) Of the eleven major fertilizer plants now under implementation, one plant, being established at Aonla in Bareilly District of Uttar Pradesh is in the cooperative setcor.

Censorship Board for Doordarshan Programmes

417. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:
SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH :
SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any censorship or certication board has been constituted by Government to determine the suitability or otherwise of TV films and other sponsored programmes on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what is its composition and precise functions; and

(c) the criteria for the selection of certification of programme for Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The programmes are selected keeping in view their social, cultural, educational relevance, entertainment value and suitability for family viewing.

Earnings from TV Serials

418. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:
SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the total earnings so far

made through sponsorship fees and spot advertisements of the TV serials Hum Log, Yeh Jo Hai Zindagi, Khandaan ,Nukkad and Rajani by Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): The total earnings so far made through sponsorship fees and spot advertisements of the TV serials Hum Log, Yeh Jo Hai Zindagi, Khandan, Nukkad and Rajni is Rs. 13.94 crores.

Colloquium on "Indian Television Today and Tomorrow"

419. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 3-day colloquium on "Indian Television Today and Tomorrow" was held in New Delhi from March 22, 1986, onwards;

(b) if so, what specific issues were discussed and suggestions made at the colloquium; and

(c) what was Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A three day Colloquium on "Television Today and Tomorrow" was held at Delhi from March 22, 1986 under the aegis of NAMEDIA Foundation. A cross-section of people, interested and involved in media activities were invited to participate in its deliberations. According to reports a free and frank discussion was held on various aspects of Doordarshan's working, programmes, activities constraints and impediments, etc. However, no specific suggestions of the National Colloquium have so far been received by the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Iron Ore resources

420. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the estimated iron ore resources of the country which have been identified;

(b) whether it is a fact that these are the Sixth largest in the world;

(c) whether any extensive survey was undertaken to explore new iron ore deposits in the country; and

(d) the number of years the iron ore reserves are likely to last assuming a three-fold increase in the number of steel plants in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) The estimate of iron ore resources of the country which have identified is 17,678 tonnes;

(b) As per available information, the reserves of iron ore in India are the fourth largest in the World after USSR, Brazil and Australia.

(c) Survey of minerals is a continuous process and during the VIth Plan period new iron ore deposits have also been explored resulting in establishing ment of additional reserve of 1696 million tonnes.

(d) The Sub-Group on Iron ore constituted by Planning Commission is of the view that even if the present level of production is doubled to a level of 80 to 90 million tonnes per year the hematite reserves should last for another 100 years. However, when a fuller exploration of the deposits is done there is the possibility of this estimate of life index being revised upwards.